

Notice of Allowability

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Examiner

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to amendment filed 5/9/2006.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1,3,4,6 and 8-17.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
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6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Arguments

1. Applicant's arguments, filed 5/9/2006, with respect to claim 8 have been fully considered and are persuasive. The rejection of claim 8 has been withdrawn.

Allowable Subject Matter

2. Claims 1, 3, 4, 6, 8-17 allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Regarding independent claim 1, the prior art of record fails to teach or fairly suggest the combination of all limitations required in claim 1 that includes "...an active impedance matching device having a current source, said active impedance matching device being adapted to match said output impedance of said image processing portion to said input impedance of said image receiving portion by adjusting, with said current source, a bias current through said at least a pair of transistors."

Regarding independent claims 8, 11 & 17, the prior art of record also fails to teach or fairly suggest the combination of all limitations required in each of claims 8, 11 & 17 that includes "...an impedance matching device, said impedance matching device being adapted to match an output impedance of said image processing portion (or said image acquisition portion as to claims 11 and 17) to an input impedance of said image receiving portion (or said image processing portion as to claims 11 & 17) by adjusting

bias current through at least one biased device in a way that renders said input impedance relatively independent of an input current..."

Regarding independent claim 14, the prior art of record also fails to teach or fairly suggest the combination of all limitations required in claim 14 that includes "...an active impedance matching device, said active impedance matching device being adapted to match said output impedance of said image processing portion to said input impedance of said image receiving portion; wherein said image acquisition portion and said image processing portion operates at substantially zero voltage."

Regarding independent claim 15, the prior art of record also fails to teach or fairly suggest the combination of all limitations required in claim 15 that includes "...an impedance matching device having a current source, said impedance matching device being adapted to match an output impedance of said image acquisition portion to an input impedance of said image processing portion by adjusting bias current, from said current source, through said at least a pair of transistors in a way that renders said input impedance relatively independent of an input current."

Regarding claims 3, 4, 6, 9, 10, 12 & 13, these claims are allowed as being directly or indirectly dependent from claim 1.

Regarding claim 16, this claim is allowed as being dependent from claim 15.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably

accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Nhan T. Tran whose telephone number is (571) 272-7371. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Thursday, 7:30am - 5:30pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, David Ometz can be reached on (571) 272-7593. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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